

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

APPLICATION FORMS

For Academic Year 2003-2004

The National Science Foundation (NSF) aims to ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science, mathematics, and engineering in the United States and to reinforce its diversity. To that end in March 2003, the NSF will award approximately 900 new three-year Graduate Research Fellowships. NSF Fellows are expected to contribute significantly to research, teaching, and industrial applications in science, mathematics, and engineering. These contributions, in turn, will broadly impact society and the community.

The information requested on the application materials is solicited pursuant to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. The information you supply will be used to determine eligibility, to correlate application materials, to assist reviewers in evaluating qualifications of applicants, to select NSF Fellows and to administer the NSF fellowships. Failure to provide full and complete information necessary for eligibility determination or for evaluation of qualifications may reduce the possibility of your receiving a fellowship award. For more information, see the section on "Privacy Act and Public Burden Statements" later in this document and in the *Guidelines for Submission of Applications*, which can be downloaded at <http://www.nsf.gov/grfp>.

DEADLINES:

Application Materials

With Internet access and a supported World Wide Web browser, an applicant can submit an application electronically using NSF's FastLane Graduate Research Fellowship Program process at: <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>. All applicants are expected to use this secure process. Individuals who do not have access to the Internet and NSF's FastLane system may apply using the forms listed below.

A complete application consists of all the materials listed below, including Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) General and Subject Tests scores. An incomplete application is at a disadvantage in the competition and may not be evaluated. Applications are not accepted via fax or e-mail.

- November 7, 2002 – Postmark or Submission Deadline
 - Inventory List (for postal submissions only)
 - Information Form
 - Application Form
 - Proposed Plan of Research Form
 - Previous Research Experience Form

The application materials listed above must be postmarked or delivered in person to Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU), if not submitted via FastLane, by November 7, 2002. Applications postmarked or submitted later than November 7, 2002 will not be considered for review.

- November 7, 2002 – Preferred Submission Date
 - Undergraduate GPA Form
 - Official Academic Transcripts (excluding fall 2002)
- December 5, 2002 – Preferred Submission Date
 - Reference Report Forms (four are recommended)

Requests for Reactivation of Official Academic Transcripts and/or Undergraduate GPA Forms

- November 7, 2002 – Submission date for requests for reactivation of Official Academic Transcripts and/or Undergraduate GPA Forms from the 2002 competition. Send requests via e-mail to nsfgrfp@orau.gov.

Graduate Record Examinations

- November 8, 2002 - Receipt deadline for GRE Subject Test registration forms at the Educational Testing Service (ETS) for NSF applicants for the December 14, 2002 Subject Test.
- December 14, 2002 - Last date for GRE Subject Test for NSF applicants.
- December 31, 2002 - Last date for GRE General Test for NSF applicants.

HOW TO REACH ORAU:

Oak Ridge Associated Universities is a non-profit consortium that assists the NSF in the administration of the distribution, processing and review of fellowship applications. Contact ORAU at nsfgrfp@orau.gov with any questions.

Mailing

address: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
P.O. Box 3010
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-3010

Delivery

address: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
702 South Illinois Avenue, Suite B-102
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Telephone: (866) 353-0905 (toll-free number)

Fax: (865) 241-4513

E-mail: nsfgrfp@orau.gov

ELIGIBILITY:

Before completing any application materials, read the *Guidelines for Submission of Applications* carefully to determine your eligibility to apply for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to ORAU.

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PRIVACY ACT AND PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENTS

The information requested on the application materials is solicited under the authority of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended. It will be used in connection with the selection of qualified applicants and may be disclosed to qualified reviewers and staff assistants as part of the review process; to the institution the nominee, applicant or fellow is attending or is planning to attend or is employed by for the purpose of facilitating review or award decisions, or administering fellowships or awards; to government contractors, experts, volunteers and researchers and educators as necessary to complete assigned work; to other government agencies needing data regarding applicants or nominees as part of the review process, or in order to coordinate programs; and to another Federal agency, court or party in a court or Federal administrative proceeding if the government is a party. Information from this system may be merged with other computer files to carry out statistical studies the results of which do not identify individuals. Notice of the agency's decision may be given to nominators, and disclosure may be made of awardees' names, home institutions, and fields of study for public information purposes. For fellows or awardees receiving stipends directly from the government, information is transmitted to the Department of the Treasury to make payments. See System of Records, NSF-12, "Fellowships and Other Awards," 63 Federal Register 265 (January 5, 1998). Submission of the information is voluntary; however, failure to provide full and complete information may reduce the possibility of your receiving an award.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer; Division of Administrative Services; National Science Foundation; Arlington, VA 22230.

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APPLICATION FORM

Deadline for filing: November 7, 2002

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READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM. PLEASE TYPE.

Name: _____
last first middle Jr,II,etc

1. Proposed major field of specialization: _____

2. Specialized sub-field(s) within major field: _____
code number specialized field name

3. Is your graduate program multidisciplinary? yes no

If yes:

Primary field: _____ % of program

Other field(s): _____ %; _____ %; _____ %

4. What is the highest level degree toward which you expect to work while on your fellowship tenure?

_____ in _____
degree field

5. Proposed Graduate Institution: _____ Department: _____

Location of institution: _____
city state or country

6. Baccalaureate institution: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____
(yyyy)

Location of institution: _____
city state or country

7. Colleges or universities attended and their location:
 (current or most recent enrollment first)

| | Dates attended from to | Degree(s) awarded/ expected | Date(s) of degree | Major Field |
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8. Are you currently enrolled in an educational institution? yes no

If yes: Full-time Part-time

If yes: Undergraduate Graduate

If yes, current institution: _____

Location of institution: _____
city state or country

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REFERENCE REPORT FORM
Date for filing: December 5, 2002

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PLEASE TYPE.

Name of Applicant: _____
last first middle Jr,II,etc

Name of Reference: _____
last first middle

d. OVERALL RECOMMENDATION:

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of this applicant for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship by placing an "X" on one of the lines.

| Truly Exceptional (Top 1%) | Excellent (Top 5%) | Very Good (Top 10%) | Good (Top 25%) | Average (Top 50%) | Below Average (Lower 50%) |
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e. Comment specifically on the applicant's strengths and limitations for graduate study and the broader impacts of supporting this applicant's graduate study. Descriptions of significant accomplishments and qualities related to NSF's two merit review criteria are particularly helpful. Your written comments should support your assessments given above.

IMPORTANT - CONFIDENTIALITY: NSF will protect your comments and your identity as a reference from public disclosure to the maximum extent possible. However, if the applicant requests records on his or her application under the Privacy Act of 1974, we may be required to release to the applicant a copy of your comments.

If you mark "A" below, the Foundation will hold your identity and your identifying information contained in your comments in confidence. If you do not request confidentiality by marking "A", NSF may also be required to disclose to the applicant your identity.

You must place an "X" beside one of the following two statements:

_____ A. My preparation of this Reference Report Form is conditioned on the promise of the Foundation to hold my identity in confidence.

_____ B. My preparation of this Reference Report Form is *not* conditioned on the promise of the Foundation to hold my identity in confidence.

Submit in a sealed envelope directly to the applicant or mail to one of the addresses below:

Mailing address:
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
P.O. Box 3010
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-3010

Special messenger, courier, or overnight delivery address:
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